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SOWINGS

'Tis always the season for teens

I had the privilege to hear Patrick Jones at the recent workshop in Seward. He talked about service to teens – which was both entertaining and inspiring for librarians in our efforts to serve youth beyond the elementary years. It has seemed to me for some time that the bulk of the library world has gotten very comfortable and good at service to the storytime age and slightly older youth, while the growing number of teens are commonly designated as that hard-to-reach, difficult group that often end up with token services. And, yes, we've made efforts in designing spaces in our libraries that serve teens, and we have booklists we can consult for the best YA materials, and we're planning the occasional program that might draw in this crowd – but it's not a customer group that's embraced.

Patrick made a point of talking about how few Teen/YA librarians there are, not only in Nebraska, but nationally. I'd love to see library plans take on this group as a priority in service. What a testimony to young adults of their value, as well as a terrific strategy in planning for those customers. Customers who will soon be the adults in our communities with all the amenities that goes with citizenship. It seems to me that by making them a priority, we not only contribute to our future support, but the quality and depth of engaged leaders and participants within our communities.

Patrick shared lots of great information on how

to go about serving young adults. Information and comments that I found intriguing included:

- ♦ A key in matching books with guys is to match them with non-fiction interests, and try putting book displays by where they already are: the computers. A good resource for this group is: www.guysread.com, a web-based literacy program designed by Jon Scieszka to help boys find stuff they like to read – it includes guys' picks and links to authors.
- ♦ When helping a reluctant reader find a book, change your reader's advisory questions a bit to include non-print materials: "Tell me the last book you read, TV show and/or movie you saw?" And, then, if they are more comfortable talking about a movie or TV, and even if you are familiar with it, say: "I didn't see it – what's it **about**?" That will give you guidance in finding a topic or subject that's intriguing or captivating for books or magazines.
- ♦ What do teens need and want from a library? Two things: 1) Solutions to problems and 2) Good feelings. The solutions to problems come from the "stuff" of libraries, and the good feelings come from library staff.
- ♦ The most important people for the media specialist to know in the school when working with teens: Secretary, Title I Teachers, and Club Sponsors & Coaches. The more we can work with them collaboratively the more successful we'll be in reaching YAs.
- ♦ Adolescent literature is about wanting and

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getting kids to read, it's not about value judgments. Don't say "At least you're reading something" when they pick up the latest gossip magazine. Reading is reading is reading. Computer time, especially if they don't have a computer at home, is valuable time-not just for homework, but for gaming and just exploring the web. Adults aren't always doing their resumes and writing their grandmothers.

♦ The four developmental tasks of adolescents are: Independence, Acceptance, Identity and Managing Excitement. And, if you're not familiar with the 40 Developmental Assets that when present in young people's lives make them more likely to grow up healthy, caring and responsible – get familiar with them. You can find more information on these assets at: www.search-institute.org.



♦ Aim for the first time you greet a teen, that it's actually a greeting, rather than to correct them. Remember 5 factors in quality service to teens: 1. Realistic goals (and you need to explain them). 2. Keep rules simple – remembering that the more rules, the more arguing. And, enforce rules firmly, fairly and consistently – making certain they're rules applied to all ages of library customers. 3. Build relationships – which are an advantage of teen volunteer programs. You can't have a relationship with someone when you don't know their name – which is one of the principles Jodi Pfarr shared in working with library customers from poverty. Relationship needs to be a goal of good customer service. 4. Responsive – respond to teens and what they need or want, but don't act like them. 5. Respect - A key rule to have in place is we respect you and you respect us.

♦ If you have difficulty selecting fantasy or science fiction or any other genre for Teens and YAs, don't forget to use tools like VOYA (Voice Of Youth Advocates) – they include monthly reviews that will help you in the selection process. (VOYA is available to borrow from the SELS office, if you don't have a subscription, we'll put you on our routing list.) You can also use the booklists on the YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) website, go to: www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists or even better, give these lists to your teen customers and have them select titles, especially if it's an area that you aren't interested/knowledgeable in.



♦ Don't forget about magazines in your Teen and YA collections – they're inexpensive and self weeding. Just some of the many titles suggested for consideration were: DUB, Computer Gaming World, Ebony, ESPN Magazine, Entertainment Weekly, Nickelodeon, MAD, Slam, Super Street, VIBE, AP (Alternative Press), USA Today (newspaper) and Tabloids (Weekly World News, Examiner, etc.).

If you'd like to know more about Patrick's presentation, plans are to post it on the Nebraska Library Commission web site, you can check with Sally Snyder for details. Or, please check out the third edition of: *Connecting Young Adults & Libraries* from the SELS office – as it includes lots more from Patrick on the above, with sample programs, surveys, evaluations and much, much more information on service to teens.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator



Me and Mr. Jones, doing our best sullen teenager look

What? We were all young once?

I don't know about the rest of you, but I really do try to put the teenage years out of my mind. I had thick glasses that the boys in physics "borrowed" to try to start a fire through the lens, bad haircuts, acne, and all the rest of the usual teenage angst. But as much as I try to live in the moment with my toddler, finding out that I am having another boy has lead to flashes of the future with two teenage boys. Ekkk! Especially with the stories my husband and brothers have of that time.

When Patrick Jones suggested as one of our first exercises to do a little time travel-remember the house you lived in when you were a teenager, your room, what posters were on the wall, what music did you listen to-I don't think many of the participants had a difficult time remembering their youth. But listening to the conversation afterward, most wouldn't want to repeat it. As those with teenagers are constantly reminded, it is a period of rapid change, mood swings, and many other mysteries. Patrick doesn't want us to relive our youth, but he does want us to remember it when we interact with our teenager customers. Remembering that this group of teens listens to music that their parents don't always like, dresses in ways that stand out from the staid middle aged folk, and in general, tries to find their own path just like we did when we were young adults helps the connection with this often underserved group.

I spent a lot of time with library books in my teenage years-thank goodness the physic boys returned those glasses! Now, as they did back then, books and magazines offer me a chance to be someone else, do something else, and temporarily forget about the zit on my chin - just like the teens in our libraries are trying to do.

Jenni Puchalla

Friends, you gotta have Friends . . .

The SELS Friends launched their inaugural fund-raising event at the 2005 NLA/NEMA conference. A silent auction of donated gift baskets was not only a fun event, but raised nearly \$500 for this newly formed group. In addition, Baker's chocolates with a special wrapper – "Libraries: Sweet Indeed" – also premiered at the conference and they quickly sold out with a new order on sale now.

On April 27, 2006 a wine tasting and antique appraising event will be held at the James Arthur Vineyard in rural Raymond. From 4– 6 p.m. antiques will be registered for appraisal and wine tasting with friends will be enjoyed. Snacks will also be available. From 6:00 – 7:00 Tom Bassett, who you may know from KFOR, will present a program on the antiques that have been brought in, talking about the items and a value for each one. He will also talk about antique resources he uses in his work that we could all use in our own libraries.

Tickets for the event will be \$25 and will include the cost of the wine tasting, snacks, and one antique appraisal. Members of SELS Friends will be able to bring in two items for appraisal, yet another reason to become a SELS Friends today. Watch for registration information to come out in the spring.

Additional events are being planned now, so don't be left out – become an SELS member today. For more information, contact committee members Tom Schmitz, Karen Frank, Jan Thomsen or Becky Baker or www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selsfriends.pdf





December

December 17th: Personal appearances and book signings with **William Kloefkorn**, State Poet of Nebraska, and **Ted Kooser**, Poet Laureate of the United States and Pulitzer Prize Winner at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 5150 O St., Lincoln from 1-2 p.m.

December 29th: **LSTA grant applications due** to Nebraska Library Commission.

January

☀ **January 12th:** **CASTL meeting** at Seward Memorial Library, 10 a.m. We'll get you started on a library plan, and show you how to use Bibliostat Connect in your planning. Afternoon will also include the round robin, and perhaps a bit of e-rate on form 471. For more information, see page 11.

February

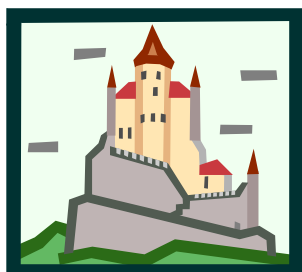
February 3rd: **College of DuPage: Always a River, Sometimes a Library: Rick Anderson Reexamines Library Practice and Patron Service** from 11 a.m. – 12:30. Andersons explores the three ways the library profession is broken, and the four ways to fix it. He uses the Mississippi River as a metaphor for patron behavior and gives new and useful ways to think about our customers. If you are unable to participate in the teleconference, video tapes are available following the program through the SELS office.

☀ **February 14th:** **NLA Legislative Day** – see pages 12-13 for more information and to register.

February 17th: **SELS Board Meeting** – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., York College, Levitt Library.

March

☀ **March 9th:** **Summer Reading Workshop** – mark your calendars now! Patti Sinclair and Sally Snyder will be presenting in the morning, and we'll have the presenters'/performers' fair in the afternoon.



CASTL Meetings in 2006

January 12th– Seward Memorial Library/Planning Session

February 24th– Syracuse Public Library/Book Clubs

March 17th– Crete Public Library/Policies

April 20th– Fairmont Public Library/Friends & Foundations

June 16th– Tecumseh Public Library

July 13th– Lincoln/Trustees

August 4th– Lewiston Consolidated Schools/Media Specialists

September 21st– Dewitt Public Library

November 3rd– Humboldt Public Library

December 7th–Lincoln-location to be announced



Bridging the Digital Divide in the Spanish Speaking Community (DVD format) – follow the successful examples of several Colorado libraries in providing outreach and services to Spanish speakers in their community. From computer classes to traditional library services, this program features tips and techniques for making your library more inviting to this growing population. Produced by the Colorado State Library with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: US Library Program. (2004)



Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals & Communities by Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D., Philip DeVol and Terie Dreussi Smith, 2001. If you didn't grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the "hidden rules" that govern many aspects of life for the poor. People in poverty are often in survival mode, where the future holds no promise, and support systems taken for granted in middle class and wealth are nonexistent. If your business, agency, or organization works with people from poverty, only a deeper understanding of their challenges – and strengths – will help you partner with them to create opportunities for success. (Great follow-up from Jodi Pfarr's presentation at the NLA/NEMA pre-conference on September 28, 2005.)



The Successful Library Trustee Handbook by Mary Y. Moore, 2005. Developed as a teaching tool for library directors, new trustees, and seasoned board members, this comprehensive, ALTA-approved guide provides a thorough blueprint on the role of the library trustee. From general information on the responsibilities of the library board and its members to more strategic issues like advocacy and appointing or replacing a library director, you will find out what it really takes to be a successful library trustee.



101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends (Marketing, Fundraising, Friends Development, and More!) by Sally Gardner Reed, Beth Nawalinski, Alexeander Peterson of Friends of Libraries U.S.A., 2004.




Connecting Young Adults and Libraries: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians, by Patrick Jones, Michele Gorman and Tricia Suellentrop, 2004. "This third edition of *Connecting Young Adults and Librarians* is a total experience. It isn't meant simply to improve one area of your service – it is meant to change the way you think about your role as a young adult librarian. This book incorporates the recent changes in YA librarianship, but also advocates the basic values, tools, and mindset that will serve this area of service for years to come." Patrick Jones



Mosaic 2005: Multicultural Library Media Display Bibliography by Lincoln Public Schools Library Media Services. Mosaic is Lincoln Public Schools annual display of new multicultural books, put together by a committee that includes media specialists from elementary, middle and high schools. The print and CD bibliographies of the display are annotated and include, title, author, ISBN, price, culture group, subject(s), curriculum connection and grade level from pre-school through high school, as well as, adult books for YA. SELS has print copies of the bibliography for 2002 through 2005, and CDs for years 1993-2005. This is a great resource for selection of library materials.

If you're interested in borrowing any of these resources, contact us at the Southeast Library System office: jennip@alltel.net or (800)288-6063.

**New Resources
at the SELS Office**



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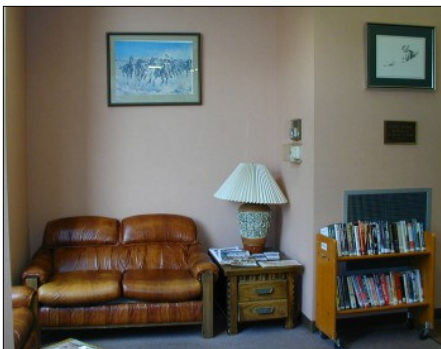
The **Fairmont Public Library** recently received funds from the Mary F. Tous Charitable Foundation. With these funds new wooden shelves were built and installed. Ceiling Fans, a Microfilm cabinet and 22 rolls of the Nebraska Signal Microfilm



were purchased. We now have the complete collection of the Nebraska Signal on Microfilm that was published in Fairmont and Geneva at the Library starting in 1884 thru 1998. Stop by and see our new look, or check out a microfilm. Library Hours are: Monday 8-12; 1-5:50; 6:30 -9 p.m. Wednesday 6:30 - 9 p.m. Friday 1-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8-12 noon.

With Christmas Season here it is time to sign up for the Christmas Crafts on Saturday December 10th and Gingerbread house on December 17th. You must pre-register by December 7th. Cost for the Gingerbread house is \$3.50. All ages welcome.

Submitted by Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library Director



These are before and after pictures of **Crete Public Library's** "teen space." The teens picked out the furniture and the colors for the walls. It is a popular place to hang out - for all ages!



Submitted by Laura Renker, Crete Public Library Youth Services



Kathleen Gripenstroh

October 7th, 2005, a retirement party was held for Kathleen Gripenstroh, the director at **Morton-James Public Library**, Nebraska City. She was director for 30 years and saw many changes at the library—from automation to Gates computers to several redecorations and an expansion project. She plans to pick up hobbies that have lapsed since becoming director such as woodworking, sewing, and flower arranging. She is also looking forward to time with her four grandchildren and is hoping to travel some now that she is retired. Kathleen— good luck and enjoy!

Barbara Hegr was promoted to director in November and is looking forward to meeting all the other Southeast System directors. Congratulations Barbara!



www.mpcc.edu

Starting January 9, 2005...

LIBR 2200 INTRODUCTION TO LIBRARY COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

3 Semester Hours / 4.5 Quarter Hours

Online

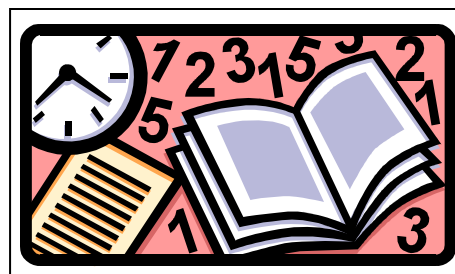
Spring Term, 2006

January 9, 2006 – April 21, 2006

Orientation: Saturday, January 7, 2005
(1:00 P.M. in Omaha or No. Platte)

This course will provide students with an understanding of principles and best practices in collection management, including:
Collection Management Policies

Selection Practices and Procedures
Material Acquisition
Intellectual Freedom
Collection Evaluation
Intellectual Property Issues
Weeding, Donations, Resource Sharing
Materials Preservation, and more



Requirement for the Library Technology Assistant Associate of Arts Degree option that is being offered through the Nebraska Community Colleges.

Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Introduction to Library and Information Services, from Metropolitan Community College (Omaha) which may be taken at the same time, or with instructor approval.

Interested? Call Mid-Plains Community College Today:

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North Platte Community College
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McCook Community College
A Division of Mid-Plains Comm. Col.
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McCook, NE 69001
308-345-3305 Fax

General registration for Spring 2006 term begins November 14, 2006

Class Instructor: Patty Birch pbirch@esu16.org 308-532-8667

January 24**9:30-3:30****\$15/ 6 CE****Lunch included****January 26****9:30-3:30****North Platte Community College****North Campus, Room 200****1101 Halligan Drive****North Platte, NE 69101****Hastings College****Perkins Library, L206****705 East 7th Street****Hastings, NE 68901**

Take Exit 177 from 1-80. Go North to first stop light. Turn right. Turn right again at first road, Halligan Drive, which is a frontage road along the interstate. Follow Halligan Drive east about 1/2 mile until you arrive at North Platte Community College. The class is in the main building right inside the front door.



Grant Writing/Tax Info Workshops

Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission, will present and highlight:

- Tips for writing a successful grant
- Research information to help support your grant project application
- Hands on grant application exercise in class (step-by-step)
- Grant and other fund resources

If you have a project in mind, you can fill out the paperwork at the workshop.

Ruth Karlsson, Nebraska Department of Revenue, will be presenting tax information pertaining to libraries, including a question and answer session.

Grant Writing Workshop Registration Form

NAME(S) _____

LIBRARY _____

Please check one: ☐ Jan. 24 North Platte ☐ Jan. 26 Hastings College

Please enclose registration fee of \$15 per person and send by **Wednesday, January 18, 2006** to Republican Valley Library System, 2727 W. 2nd. St #233, Hastings, NE 68901



News and Notes

Free Books for Read Across America Day

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, invites your school, or other literacy project to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects.

Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be received by February 8, 2006.

Visit <http://LEFbooks.org> for more information and an order form or call us at 717-791-6210 or 610-719-6448.

Free Posters Promote Talking Books for Nebraskans with Disabilities

Any Nebraska library is able to request free posters from the Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service. Two posters are available. One is entitled "A Good Book Is Worth Sharing;" the other, "Spice Up Your Life." These may be viewed at www.loc.gov/nls/mediaservices/posterimage.html.

Each is 8.5 x 11 inches for mounting on a bulletin board. The posters contain contact information to direct queries to the Talking Book and Braille Service.

At this point there are no restrictions on the number of posters that can be sent to any one library. Send requests to talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us; or call 1-800-742-7691. Application forms for free talking book service are also available.

Dave Oertli, Director Talking Books & Braille Services

Coffee and Youth

Through its Giving Voice program, the Starbucks Foundation (www.starbucks.com/foundation), a philanthropic vehicle of the Starbucks Coffee Company, will fund programs for youth, ages 6-18, that integrate literacy with personal and civic action in the communities where they live.

The Starbucks Foundation invites Letters of Inquiry from qualifying organizations that work with underserved youth in one of two areas: 1) Arts & Literacy -- programs that innovatively address literacy and learning for the 21st century, provide high standards of excellence in mastering basic skills, and promote youth voices through a variety of venues; and 2) Environmental Literacy -- programs that offer place-based approaches to addressing environmental literacy and empower youth to be heroes for a sustainable environment in their own communities.

Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. **Deadline: September 1 and March 1**, annually (Letters of Inquiry)

RFP Link: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/3498/starbucks>



News and Notes

Disaster Planning

The Nebraska Library Commission will be sponsoring two Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery workshops in May of 2006. The two-day workshops will be held in Lincoln and Scottsbluff.

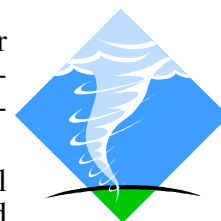
These 2-day classes will help you to understand the importance of library disaster response and recovery planning, be aware of steps to take in developing disaster plans and risk assessment, and become familiar with various disaster recovery activities.

The workshops are being taught by Tom Claeson, Program Director for New Initiatives at the OCLC regional network, PALINET. Tom was most recently the Manager of Education & Planning, Digital Collection & Preservation Services Division at OCLC.

The **Lincoln session** will be held **May 1 & 2** at the Lincoln Firefighters Hall on Victory Lane near Sun Valley Parkway. The Scottsbluff session will be held May 4 & 5 at the Harms Technology Center across the street from Western Nebraska Community College.

The **cost to attend the workshop is \$20.00**. This amount covers both days registration, refreshments and lunch. Subsidies for travel and lodging will also be provided by the Nebraska Library Commission. More details on this process, as well as online registration will be available after the first of the year.

For more information on Disaster Planning in libraries visit Web Junction's Community Cen-



When I was a kid . . .

Is there a children's book you absolutely love that has gone out of print? From now until February the Children's Book Council, the non-profit association of children's publishers, will be hosting a poll on their website asking all librarians, teachers, parents, and even kids to name a book they would love to be reissued. Visit www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/ooppoll.html to vote for your favorite out-of-print book. The poll is a project of the ALA-CBC Joint Committee and the top ten books named will be announced in the spring.

Google's agog for librarians

One of the world's largest search engines is looking to enlist librarians' help: www.google.com/services/librarian_center.html. From the website:

Librarians and Google share a mission: to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. We support librarians like yourself who work each day to further that mission. This page is a first step toward improving and expanding that support.

Keep up to date with Google. In the next few months, we'll be launching a newsletter that will go out four times a year — just for librarians. Subscribe now to receive Google tips, news of new features, and other information relevant to you.

Share your Google lesson plans. Do you teach others how to use Google? We've heard from dozens of librarians who have created their own lesson plans, presentations and handouts to help others use Google. We'd love to see what works for our users.

Teens vote for favorite young adult book

CHICAGO - Teen readers across the country voted *Girls In Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood*, as their favorite book to take the #1 spot on the annual Teens' Top Ten (TTT), sponsored by The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA). The vote took place during Teen Read Week, October 16-22, 2005, and gave teens an opportunity to voice their choice of the best new young adult books.

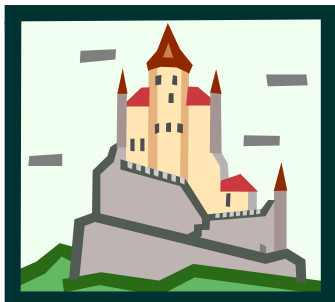
TTT is a part of YALSA's Young Adult (YA) Galley Project, which facilitates access to advance copies of young adult books to national teen book discussion groups. These groups evaluated books that were published from January 2004 through October 2005, and created a list of 78 nominations for the best new books for young adults. Teen voters across the country then cast ballots for their three favorites, creating 2005 Teens' Top Ten booklist of the best new books for young adults.

Teens were encouraged to vote for their favorite young adult books during Teen Read Week, from the official nomination list posted online at the Teens' Top Ten site. Over 2400 online ballots were cast and the results, combined with the results of a separate vote of the TTT groups, determined the final ranking of the 10 top books of the year, as selected by teen readers.

With Ann Brashares' third *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* novel topping the list, the 2005 Teens' Top Ten includes:

1. *Girls In Pants: The Third Summer of the Sisterhood* by Ann Brashares (Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2005).
2. *The Truth about Forever* by Sarah Dessen (Viking, 2004).
3. *Looking For Alaska* by John Green (Dutton, 2005).
4. *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult (Atria Books, 2004).
5. *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick (Scholastic Press, 2004).
6. *Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2005).
7. *The Gangsta Rap* by Benjamin Zephaniah (Bloomsbury, 2004).
8. *Teen Idol* by Meg Cabot (HarperCollins, 2004).
9. *The Garden* by Elise Aidinoff (Harper Tempest, 2004).
10. *How I Paid for College: A Novel of Sex, Theft, Friendship & Musical Theater* by Marc Acito (Broadway Books, 2004).

For further information on the TTT project, visit YALSA's Teens' Top Ten site at:
www.ala.org/teenstopten.



January 12th: Seward Memorial Library 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Morning session: "What's the Plan?" We'll get you started, whether it's a new endeavor or updating an existing plan. At the end of the workshop, attendees will be asked what follow-up can be provided to make certain your library has a plan in place.

FREE LUNCH

Afternoon session: Round Robin sharing

Please let us know if you *plan* to attend:

jennip@alltel.net, 800-288-6063

Sign Up for NLA's Legislative Day

Registration Form NLA Legislative Day—February 14, 2006

☐ 8:30-9:30 Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1023, State Capitol
☐ 9:30 Briefing in Capitol, Room 1524
☐ Noon Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel
☐ 1:30 NLA Legislative Seminar

☐ \$15 for my participation
☐ \$15 for the Senator's Lunch
☐ \$15 for each additional city official or library trustee
☐ Additional contribution for other participants \$ _____



Please remember to invite your senator to lunch. You can find your senator's phone # at www.unicam.state.ne.us (click on senators and districts)

Name: _____
Library: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
State Senator: _____
City Official: _____
Library Trustee: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Nebraska Library Association (please respond by February 3rd)
Mail to: NLA Legislative Committee
Michael Lacroix
Reinert/Alumni Memorial Library
Creighton University
Omaha, NE 68178 (6 CE hours for public librarians and trustees)

Sign up for NLA's Legislative Day February 14, 2005— Lincoln

Coffee and Doughnuts 8:30 a.m. Room 1023 State Capitol, 1445 K Street Lincoln

Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with your senator and staff. Please invite him or her!

Briefing 9:30 a.m. Room 1524 State Capitol, 1445 K Street, Lincoln

You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist and Rod Wagner, director of the Nebraska Library Commission. After the briefing, you will have time to meet with your senator, senator's staff, and/or visit the legislative chamber while it is in session.

Luncheon Noon Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln

Take your senator out for a great lunch. The cost is \$15 per person. Please offer to pay for your senator's lunch and escort him/her to the luncheon. If the senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide—they are important contacts for successful lobbying. Plan to bring a local city official (mayor, city administrator, or council member) and your library board or library supporters with you as well.

Seminar 1:30—3:00 Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln
Speaker from ALA's Washington Office

Public library continuing education credit is available: 3 hours for the morning and lunch and 3 hours for the afternoon session.

Check out these new additions to WebJunction (www.webjunction.org)- the online community where library staff meet to share ideas, solve problems and take online courses.

December WebJunction Focus: Mapping Technology in Your Library

Are there hidden technology riches in your library? WebJunction has enlisted experts and practitioners from the field to help you prepare a treasure map (perhaps better known as a "technology plan") and keep it fresh and relevant amid the shifting shoals of your daily work. Go to: <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=11992>

Attend a Technology Planning Meeting Online

See a sneak preview of the great new library technology planning features in TechAtlas on Tuesday, December 13th, from 12-1:30pm ET. Space is limited, so register now! Go to: www3.oclc.org/app/request/bin/request.asp?specialCode=WJ121405

Chatting With Confidence: Instant Messaging Security

Instant messaging is rapidly becoming one of the most popular online communication tools. Instant messaging programs include MSN Messenger, AOL Instant Messenger, and Yahoo Messenger. For some users, especially teenagers and young adults, it is the preferred way to keep in touch online. Unfortunately, just as with email, there are security risks with using instant messaging programs. Visit WebJunction for tips that will help you keep your computer safe when using instant message or online chat programs. Go to: <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=11993>

Phishing: Don't Get Caught!

Phishing is a deceptive email and Web site practice that may place you and your users at risk. Learn how to avoid phishing schemes on WebJunction. Go to: <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=11433>

Perry Carnegie Library (OK) is WebJunction December Library of the Month

Staff at the Perry Carnegie Library in Oklahoma used resources in WebJunction's Tech Planning section and TechAtlas to develop a technology plan that works for their library. With a plan in place, it's now much easier for the team to manage changes and new projects as they emerge. Go to: <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=12136>

Online Health Resources

Roxanne Cox, McGoogan Library of Medicine, was one of the presenters at the Consumer Health Symposium in North Platte on November 10th. In her presentation, Consumer Health: Collection Development Services for Public Libraries, she used the following definition for health information literacy: *The degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.* Librarians assist in that process through the medical resources we provide. One of the great benefits of Internet access for library customers are the medical resources that can be found online. Roxanne shared the following 10 best web sites:

1. **MEDLINEPlus English/Spanish** – medlineplus.gov
2. **Lab Tests Online** – www.labtestsonline.org
3. **Cancer.gov** – www.cancer.gov
4. **Alternative Medicine Foundation** – www.amfoundation.org
5. **Mayo Clinic** – www.mayoclinic.com
6. **Centers for Disease Control** – www.cdc.gov
7. **National Center for Health Statistics/FastStats** – www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats
8. **NOAH New York Online Access to health** – www.noah-health.org
9. **MEDEM:** and information partnership of over 45 medical societies – www.medem.com
10. **Healthfinder** – www.healthfinder.gov



Marty Magee, who is the Education and Nebraska Liaison for the National Network/Libraries of Medicine, was also a presenter at the Symposium and encouraged us to go online to: <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/> and click on public librarians to find a multitude of health resources. Marty listed several of the same online sites as Roxanne, as well as these additional sites for consumer health information:

- **FamilyDoctor.org** – www.familydoctor.org – From the American Academy of Family Physicians. Health information for the whole family.
- **NIH Senior Health** – <http://nihseniorhealth.gov> – the national Institutes of Health's web site for seniors and their care givers.
- **ClinicalTrials.gov** – <http://clinicaltrials.gov> – the National Library of Medicine's searchable database of clinical trials in which consumers may wish to participate.
- **DIRLINE** – <http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov/> - the National Library of Medicine's online directory of health organizations.
- **ToxTown** – <http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov> – the National Library of Medicine's web resource for consumers to understand toxins in their environment.
- **Evaluating Resources** – www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/evaluatinghealthinformation.html - 10 Things to Know About Evaluating Medical Resources on the Web.
- **Healthinfoquest** - <http://nnlm.gov/healthinfoquest> - this online resource provides pathfinders to common consumer health questions encountered in public libraries.

Cindy Schmidt, Reference Librarian at McGoogan Library of Medicine, reminded Health Symposium attendees of the great resource available through **CHIRS (Consumer Health Information Resource Service)**. It's a cooperative effort of Nebraska's public libraries and the McGoogan Library of Medicine (UNMC) that's a free service to Nebraska residents to provide information in response to their health and medical questions. You can now access CHIRS online, including the CHIRS request form by going to: www.unmc.edu/library/consumer.

Southeast Library System Board Meeting

October 7, 2005
Nebraska City, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE - Lincoln, Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Consolidated Schools Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Stephen Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Hope Schawang (Lydia Brunn Woods Memorial Library, Falls City) .

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant), John Dale (Commissioner); Kathleen Griepentstroh (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City).

Board Members Absent: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora).

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Olivigni called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Board members provided updates on their libraries and other library-related activities. Seward Memorial Library will be hosting several authors during October. The success of the preconference workshop, "Caring for the Mind", has prompted the idea to offer a similar workshop for SELS member libraries. Board member, Stephen Hunt, is the new chair-elect of the public library section of NLA. Falls City hopes to start building its new library in December 2005. John Dale attended the meeting as the newly appointed Commissioner (June 2005) for Nebraska Library Commission (NLC), replacing Kris Rogge following completion in her two terms as an NLC Commissioner. Robin Brooks' resignation from the SELS board was received. Board members should submit names to the Board President, Lisa Olivigni, by November 1. A ballot will be prepared and sent out by the Board President. Ballots are to be returned to Jenni Puchalla, at the SELS office.

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the corrected minutes for August 12, 2005 was made by Stephen Hunt and seconded by Sandi Elton. Motion carried.

III. Financial Report: Jenni reviewed the transaction report dated 7/1/05 through 8/11/05. Jenni noted that the SELS office copier broke and a new copier was purchased with funds from NLC. Utilities continue to be high. Board members donated \$92.74 in mileage towards the budget. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried. Gary Riggs completed the yearly financial review for the SELS office on August 19. The yearly financial review will replace a full audit since the budget of the SELS office are small and do not warrant a full audit each year.

IV. Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from the 8/12/05 through 10/6/05 as outlined in her written report. Much of September focused on the NLA/NEMA Conference with Brenda as NLA President. The Nebraska Regional Library System's pre-conference, "Bridges out of Poverty", had 84 attendees. Jenni Puchalla received the Paraprofessional of the Year award. Conversations are being held regarding the One Book One Nebraska project for 2006 since there is interest in having this become an annual event. READ bookmarks were printed of Nebraska Regional Library Systems staff. A list of "Top 10 Books" was compiled for a KHAS-TV news story. The SELS office was notified in August that it received a 2005 Continuing Education & Training Grant for a Nebraska Spring Colloquium with Joe Janes to be held on April 8, 2006. SELS also received grant money for the Youth Services Retreat 2005 and the Jodi Pfarr presentation at the NLA/NEMA pre-conference, September 2005. Participated in a phone interview for the Nebraska Book Festival Director position. The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) funded all of the equipment items the SELS office submitted. A letter of thanks from the SELS board will be sent to NLC thanking them for this support. (See attached report).

V. NLC Report: There was no report from the Nebraska Library Commission.

VI. Committee Meetings: Committee meetings convened for a half hour and then reported.

A. CE Committee: Committee members discussed the Summer Reading Program.

B. CP Committee: Committee members continued planning for SELS promotional materials and their distribution.

C. CNN Committee: Committee members hope to continue selling Baker's Chocolates as a fund-raiser with the goal of having all of the candy sold by the end of December. The baskets raffled at the NLA/NEMA Conference were very successful. Ideas for future activities include a wine and cheese event in April 2006 with an antique appraisal activity and door prizes as part of the event. The goal is to raise \$500.00 from this activity. Memberships in the SELS Friends group will also be promoted in the coming months.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

Several board members stayed for the Open House in honor of Kathleen Griepentstroh's retirement after 30 years of service to the Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City.

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Learn from the mistakes of others.
You can't live long enough to
make them all yourself.

-Anonymous



**Have a happy and safe
Holiday season!
Brenda & Jenni
& the SELS Board**

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